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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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INFO USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 4078

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, SN

SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: BOAT CASE LADY CYNTHIA

REF: JAKARTA 11302, KUALA LUMPUR 4930

1. AUSTRALIAN REGISTERED, FRENCH-OWNED VESSEL "LADY CYNTHIA" ARRIVED SINGAPORE, AUGUST 29 AND IS BERTHED WITHIN SINGAPOREAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AT LOYANG OFFSHORE OIL SUPPLY BASE. THERE ARE TWENTY-TWO (22) REFUGEES ABOARD, EVIDENTLY ALL THAT WERE ABOARD "CHOU-LONG". SINGAPOREANS HAVE SENT ABOARD DOCTOR AND IMMIGRATION GUARD.

2. EMBOFF, IN CONVERSATION WITH AUSTRALIAN HICOM OFFICER, HAS LEARNED THAT SINGAPORE HAS REPEATED ITS STANDING DEMAND FOR " UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE" BEFORE DEBARKATION WILL BE ALLOWED. HE STATED THAT WITHOUT DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURE ON GOA, THERE IS ONLY "SMALL, SLIGHT PROSPECT OF ACCEPTANCE ... IF REFUGEES MEET IMMIGRATION STANDARDS." HICOM OFFICER REVEALED THAT VESSEL'S OPERATOR, OFFSHORE SERVICES, WILL USE CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE IN CANBERRA TO PUBLICIZE INCIDENT TO PURSUADE GOA TO AID THIS GROUP. EMBOFF BRIEFED HICOM OFFICER ON PREVIOUS GOS
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REFUGEE POLICY AND INCIDENTS AND MENTIONED ISSUE OF "FIRST PORT

OF CALL". HICOM OFFICER STATED THAT REFUGEE SHIP SANK WITHIN
INDONESIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS, NOT ON "HIGH SEAS", BUT WAS
UNCERTAIN OF THIS FACT. HE WILL PASS BACKGROUND INFORMATION
TO CANBERRA.

3. UNHCR OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR WILL BE BRIEFED BY AUS-
TRALIANS RE STATUS OF CASE. EMBASSY SINGAPORE WILL PROCESS AFTER
UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE INTERVIEWS BOATLOAD.
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